

COMMISSION HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

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DATE January 29, 2009

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DOCKET
NO. 2002-338-C

UTILITIES MATTERS

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ORDER NO. -

**HEARING
OFFICER:**

Jocelyn G. Boyd

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Proceeding to Review Verizon's Cost Methodology for Pricing of Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs)

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Procedural Schedule

HEARING OFFICER ACTION:

On October 24, 2008, a prehearing conference was held at the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission). At the prehearing conference, it was determined that this matter should no longer be held in abeyance but should proceed to resolution. HTC Communications, Inc. (HTC) and Verizon South, Inc. (Verizon) offered to mutually propose a procedural schedule for resolving this matter, as well as related issues involved in negotiating an interconnection agreement in Commission Docket No. 2002-66-C. HTC and Verizon subsequently provided a proposed schedule. I believe that the proposed schedule is reasonable, and direct the following.

The hearing in this Docket shall be held approximately 313 days after issuance of an Arbitration Order in Docket No. 2002-66-C, following the proceeding to be held in that Docket on May 27, 2009 ("Arbitration Order").

Verizon shall file a cost study in this Docket with the Commission approximately 90 days after issuance of the Arbitration Order.

The parties will have a discovery period of approximately 135 days following the filing of Verizon's cost study.

Verizon shall prefile its direct testimony and exhibits in this proceeding approximately 255 days after issuance of the Arbitration Order.

All other parties shall prefile their testimony and exhibits approximately 285 days after issuance of the Arbitration Order.

Verizon shall prefile any rebuttal testimony and exhibits approximately 299 days after issuance of the Arbitration Order.

All other parties shall prefile any surrebuttal testimony and exhibits (if permitted, at the discretion of the Commission) approximately 306 days after issuance of the Arbitration Order.

Exact dates will be determined when the Arbitration Order is issued, and will be communicated to the parties accordingly by Commission Order or Hearing Officer directive.

The parties shall serve the other parties with copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Service on the parties and the Commission of rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony and exhibits shall be made by the close of business on the dates herein specified. If service cannot be accomplished on the dates specified herein, service may be accomplished by facsimile transmission or e-mail transmission of the prefiled testimony and exhibits by the close of business on the dates specified, with hard copies to follow by mail.

All parties are reminded that all witnesses must be present during the hearing in this matter at the call of the Chairman, or the Commission may decline to allow the witnesses' testimony to be read into the record of the proceeding and/or may decline to allow the witnesses' exhibits to be entered into the evidence of the case.

Unless otherwise directed by the Chairman, opening statements of the parties will be allowed at the beginning of the hearing. Additionally, closing statements of the parties will be allowed at the conclusion of the hearing, unless otherwise directed by the Chairman.

Requests for modification of this schedule may be directed to the Hearing Officer assigned to this case.